

Application No. 10/529,436
Amdt. dated 29 September 2010
Reply to Office Action of 29 June 2010

REMARKS

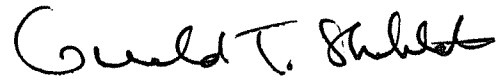
In the above-identified Office Action the Examiner has rejected claims 1, 26 and 27 as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The Examiner has noted that the language inserted into Claim 1 with the last Amendment, i.e., "having a free volume of more than 60% that can be accessed by resin" was new matter. The Examiner stated that "even though the web has a total free volume greater than 60%, after expansion of the microspheres in the web, the free volume that can be accessed by resin is less than 60%." In response, Applicant has, by the above amendments, deleted the phrase "that can be accessed by resin." The remaining language in Claim 1, i.e., the "web having a free volume of more than 60%" is supported by the specification, as amended previously, wherein the language of original Claim 10 was added to the specification. As such, Applicant believes that Claim 1, 26 and 27 are now definite under 35 U.S.C. Section 112 and recite over the art of record.

Applicant hereby requests reconsideration and reexamination thereof.

With the above amendments and remarks, this application is considered ready for allowance and applicant earnestly solicits an early notice of same. Should the Examiner be of the opinion that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the subject application, he/she is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at the below listed number.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gerald T. Shekleton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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